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SUBJECT: COLOMBO PLAN: DRUG ADVISER'S PROGRAM

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1. IN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DEC 4, LEADERS
OF DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED DRUG ADVISER'S PROGRAM IN
THEIR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIALS'
MEETING REPORT AND THE ANNUAL REPORT. SIX LEADERS
OF MINISTERIAL DELEGATIONS COMMENTED FAVORABLY
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EITHER ON THE DRUG ADVISER'S PROGRAM OR ON NATIONAL

MEASURES OF DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, AS SUMMARIZED BELOW.
(THESE COMMENTS MUST BE TAKEN AS SUPPLEMENTATRY TO THE
DISCUSSION IN THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE
IN WHICH TEN DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATED, AS REPORTED
IN REF TELEGRAM AND AIRGRAM). CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE HEARD WITHOUT OBJECTION AND SEEMED TO FAVOR
CANADIAN SUGGESTION THAT DRUG ADVISER'S PROGRAM
BE REVIWED AND SSESSED AND SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON
ITS CONTINUATION OR OTHWERWISE BE PREPARED, IN THE
CONTEXT OF THE COLOMBO PLAN COUNCIL'S EXAMINATION OF
MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

2. CANADA (HADWEN) RECALLED BEGINNING OF DRUG
ADVISER'S PROGRAM AT 1972 NEW DELHI MEETING WITH
BROAD GENERAL SUPPORT. IT WAS HIS IMPORESSION THAT
PROGRAM WHICH WAS NOW ONLY A FEW MONTHS OLD HAD BEEN
GOING RATHER WELL. IT PRESENTED A REAL OPPORTUNITY
TO MEMBER COUNTRIES. NOTING US OFFER TO CONTINUE
FINANCING PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR, HE SUGGESTED
THAT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REQUEST COUNCIL FOR
TECHNICAL COOPERATION TO BEGIN EARLY IN 1974 TO
ASSESS VALUE OF PROGRAM AND TO MAKE RECOMMEDNDATIONS
TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS REGARDING ITS CONTINUATION
OR OTHWERWISE. IN THIS WAY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
WOULD BE PREPARD AT NEXT MEETING TO MAKE DECISION
ABOUT THE PRIORITY AND FUNDING OF THIS PROGRAM.
THERE BEING NO OBJECTION CHAIRMAN DECLARED IT WAS
SENSE OF MEETING THAT THIS SUGGESTION BE ACCEPTED.

3. US (WILLIAMS). DRUG ADVISER SEEMS TO HAVE MADE
PROMISING START. REPORT HE WOULD MAKE TO NEXT
MEETING WOULD BE IMPORTANT. MEMBER COUNTRIES BY
SHARING EXPERIENCE COULD HELP EACH OTHER IN THIS FIELD.

4. MALAYSIA (RITHAUDDEEN): DRUG ABUSE DESERVES
SERIOUS CONSIDERATON BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. PRELIMI-
NARY REPORT OF DRUG ADVISER SHOWS THAT PROBLEM IS OF
MAGNITUDE REQUIRING ACTON AT BOTH BATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. MALAYSIA HAS ESTABLISHED A
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CENTRAL NARCOTICSBUREAU TO MAKE ITS NATIONAL EFFORT
MORE EFFECTIVE. MEMBERS SHOULD SEEK TO EXPAND THEIR
COOPERATION IN THIS FIEL.

5. (UK WOOD): UN MACHINERY WOULD HOPEFULLY SUCCEED
IN ESTABLISHING MEASURES TO BRING DRUGS UNDER CONTROL.
EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO US FOR CONTINUING TO FINANCE
PROGRAM, HE FELT IT WOULD BE WISE TO AWAIT RESULTS OF

DRUG ADVISER'S WORK AND TO CONSIDER THE MATTER
IN GREATER DEPTH AT NEXT MEETING.

6. IRAN (GHAFFARZADEH): IRAN HAD BEEN A LEADING
COUNTRY IN STUDYING AND CURBING DRUG ABUSE, WHICH
HAS AN ADVERSE ECONOMIC EFFECT ON AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION AND FARMERS. IRAN'S EFFORTS WERE LIMITED
BY WHAT ITS NEIGHBORS DID, AND IRAN WAS HAPPY TO SEE
ITS NEIGHBORS ENGAGING IN CROP REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS.
IRAN WOULD LIKE TO SEE DRUG ADVISER DEPART FROM
"CLASSIC" APPROACH TO DRUG ABUSE (HE INDICATED
INFORMALLY TO USDEL HE ADVOCATED PRACTICAL MEASURES
TO CLOSE OFF SOURCES OF SUPPLY). IRAN WOULD BE
GLAD TO ASSIST BUREAU ON THIS PROGRAM AND INVITED
DRUG ADVISER TO VISIT IRAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN
HOPE THAT IRANIAN EXPERIENCE WOULD HELP HIM TO DO A
BETTER JOB.

7. PAKISTAN (ROY): PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY
TAKEN MEASURES TO CHECK DRUG PRODUCTION AND USE AND
TO "IMPROVE" THE ERADICATION OF DRUG ABUSE.

8. USDEL HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF DRUG ABUSE
CONTROL ALSO WITH LEADERS OF FOLLOWING OTHER DELE-
GATIONS WHO DID NOT SPEAK ON THIS ITEM IN FORMAL
MINISTERIAL MEETING, NAMELY AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA,
KHMER REPUBLIC, KOREA, LAOS, NEPAL, NEW ZELAND,
SINGAPORE AND VIETNAM.
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